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FOLLOWING REPEAT RABAT 1955 ACTION STATE APR 1.

QUOTE QE C R E T RABAT 1955

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SUBJECT: KING HASSAN'S COMMENTS ON OV-10S AND COBRAS

1. AT SMALL MARCH 20 DINNER, WHICH WAS OUR FIRST MEETING SINCE MY RETURN FROM WASHINGTON FIVE DAYS EARLIER, KING HASSAN WELCOMED ME IN HIS CUSTOMARILY WARM MANNER AND SAID LAUGHINGLY, "WELL, I SEE YOU WERE NOT ABLE TO BRING ME BACK THE OV-10'S." AFTER GREETING THE OTHER GUESTS, HE SAID HE WANTED ME TO KNOW THAT HE HAD NO NEED AT THIS TIME FOR THE OV-10'S AND THE COBRAS, THAT THE SITUATION WAS WELL IN HAND IN THE SAHARA, BUT THAT HE WOULD DEFINITELY NEED THE OV-10'S AND COBRAS IN THE FUTURE FOR THE DEFENSE OF HIS COUNTRY AGAINST ANY ATTACK BY ALGERIA.

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2. IN A FOLLOW-UP CONVERSATION SAME EVENING WITH A HIGH-RANKING AMERICAN VISITOR HASSAN EXPANDED ON WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME EARLIER. HE SAID THAT MOROCCO DOES NOT REALLY NEED THE OV-10'S AND COBRAS FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE SAHARA, BUT THEY ARE REQUIRED FOR THE GENERAL DEFENSIVE PALN FOR MOROCCO. IN THIS CONNECTION,

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HE NOTED GOM WAS RECEIVING SIXTY-TWO NEW PUMA
HELICOPTERS AND SEVENTY-FIVE MIRAGE F-1 AIRCRAFT WITH
DELIVERY OF THE LATTER TO BEGIN IN APRIL.

3. COMMENT: AS WAS THE CASE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER
BOUCETTA AND SECRETARY VANCE, KING HASSAN ACCEPTS
OUR PRESENT INABILITY TO APPROACH THE CONGRESS ON
THE SALE OF OV-10'S AND COBRAS, BUT ALREADY COUNTS ON
A FORTHCOMING U.S. RESPONSE ONCE THE TEMPORARY PROBLEM
CITED BY THE SECRETARY (I.E. SALE OF AIRCRAFT TO ISRAEL,
EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA) IS OVERCOME.
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